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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Enclosed herewith is an English translation of the application as filed. Examination of the application based on the English translation and claims amended herewith is requested.

Respectfully submitted, CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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